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ADD NEW REFINEMENTS TO MOTORCYCLE DESIGN -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 50, 18 Apr 50

The Moscow Motorcycle Plant is putting out 1,000 motorcycles with telescopic shock absorbers this year. The tool case will be enlarged on all types of motorcycles and other modifications will be made.

During 1950, the plant will also produce 100 special M1-E sport motorcycles with modified engines, which will raise the speed of the motorcycle to 100 kilometers per hour.

Vechernyaya Moskva, No 101, 28 Apr 50

The Moscow Motorcycle Plant is continuing its improvements on the Moskva motorcycle, which is already noted for simplicity of design, low fuel consumption, and good road performance. The steering gear is more solidly mounted; the motor and transmission have been modernized; the tool box has been enlarged; all small joints are chrome plated; and the finished product comes in six different colors.

The plant has overfulfilled the first-quarter plan. It has accelerated its turnover of working capital and lowered the production cost of motorcycles 1.6 percent. The plant completed the April program today.

LAUNCH DRIVE FOR ACCELERATED PRODUCTION -- Trud, No 94, 20 Apr 50

Viktor Karachev, a grinder, and Gavril Nazarenko, a fitter, launched a campaign at the Ul'yanovsk Automobile Plant for improved production through the introduction of individual norms for Stakhanovites and innovators. Fifty Stakhanovites are already working in accordance with this scheme, and have completed 12-13 monthly norms within 3½ months.

AUTO PLANT RUNS "PROFIT" SCHOOLS -- Pravda, No 105, 15 Apr 50

At the Gor'kiy Plant imeni Molotov, a system of "profitable production" schools which has been in operation since the end of 1948, now numbers about 50. The curriculum treats problems in socialist economy, planning, and accounting. The schools, which are located in the various shops, have an able staff of teachers drawn from the plant's own engineering and technical personnel.

The courses, which last several dozen hours, are closely linked with production in the plant and the graduates proceed to work on the basis of individual accounting. This method of operation has yielded savings in materials and tools, which in 1949 alone amounted to about 8 million rubles. For example, the establishment of such a school in a previously lagging forge shop resulted in 18,000 rubles' savings during the first month. Following the organization of a school in the sand-conditioning section of the casting shop, there was a monthly saving of 30,000-40,000 rubles.

The number of workers taking the courses will be increased several times this year. More than 500 students completed the course of study during the first 3 months of 1950, and about 300 are currently attending courses.

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